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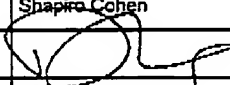
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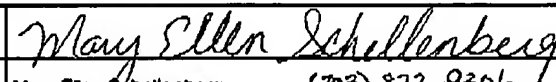
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Application No. : 10/611,939
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS USING POLARISATION
OPTICAL TIME DOMAIN REFLECTOMETRY FOR
SECURITY APPLICATIONS
Inventor : Francis M. HARAN
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, including particularly subsections (g) and (h) thereof, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98 including specifically subsection (d) thereof, Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, copies of which are enclosed:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

AA	5,194,847	H. F. TAYLOR et al.
AB	5,144,125	H. R. CARTER et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

BA	EP 0 638 795	AT & T Corp.
BB	EP 0 320 255	Simmonds Precision Products Inc.
BC	EP 0 246 487	Magal Security Systems, Ltd.

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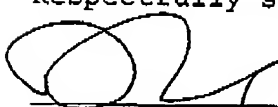
These references were cited in a Search Report issued by the U.K. Patent Office on the equivalent application on November 30, 2004. A copy of the Report, which includes an indication of the relevance of these references, is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate area on the enclosed copy of PTO Form SB/08A, thereby indicating consideration by the Examiner of each of these references.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted



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Examiner: Richard Kerslake
Date of search: 30 November 2004

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1,2,5-7 & 10	EP0638795 A2 (AT & T CORP.) See Whole Document
X	1,5-7 & 10	EP0320255 A2 (SIMMONDS PRECISION PRODUCTS) See Column 4 Line 5 - Column 6 Line 51
A	-	US5194847 A (TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM)
A	-	US5144125 A (THE BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY)
A	-	EP0246487 A2 (MAGAL SECURITY SYSTEMS, LTD.)

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G1A; G4N; H4D

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